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Note by the Secretariat

1. At its first meeting, on 23 February 1998, in accordance with rule 74 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Strategic Approaches to Freshwater Management of the Commission on Sustainable Development decided to invite the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention) upon its request, to attend the Working Group's meetings as an intergovernmental organization with the status of observer (see E/CN.17/1998/13, para. 59).
2. A similar request has been received from the Ramsar Convention to attend the sixth session of the Commission.
3. In view of the foregoing, the Secretariat recommends that the Ramsar Convention be invited to attend the sixth session of the Commission as an intergovernmental organization with the status of observer.

* E/CN.17/1998/1 and Corr.1

